

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A socket for an electrically operated device, comprising:
2 a housing, including at least a first housing part and a second housing part,
3 which together enclose an interior;
4 at least one contact disposed in said interior; and
5 at least one clamping spring having a first portion for snap-in fastening of the
6 electrically operated device and a second portion that clamps and retains together the
7 first and second housing parts.
- 1 2. The socket of claim 1, wherein that the first housing part comprises a
2 base part with a base plate portion, the base plate portion housing having fastening
3 portions for fastening the base part to a support element.
- 1 3. The socket of claim 1, wherein the fastening portions comprise
2 housing portions that are diametrically opposite one another and include fastening
3 openings.
- 1 4. The socket of claim 2, wherein the two housing parts together define a
2 parting seam, which is disposed essentially parallel to the base plate portion.
- 1 5. The socket of claim 1, wherein the second housing part, on a side
2 remote from the first housing part, has a recess for receiving at least one portion of the
3 electrically operated device.
- 1 6. The socket of claim 5, wherein the first portion of the clamping spring
2 protrudes into the recess.
- 1 7. The socket of claim 1, wherein the socket has two clamping springs.
- 1 8. The socket of claim 7, wherein the clamping springs are identical to
2 one another.

1 9. The socket of claim 1, wherein the clamping springs are disposed
2 opposite one another.

1 10. The socket of claim 2, wherein the second housing part has fastening
2 portions, which rest on the fastening portions of the first housing part.

1 11. The socket of claim 1, wherein the second portion, of the clamping
2 spring has a first leg that snaps together with the first housing part.

1 12. The socket of claim 10, wherein the second portion of the clamping
2 spring has a second leg, which rests on one of the fastening portions of the second
3 housing part.

1 13. The socket of claim 11, wherein the first leg is disposed in a rectilinear
2 extension of the first portion of the retaining spring.

1 14. The socket of claim 13, wherein the first housing part has a well, into
2 which the first leg extends.

1 15. The socket of claim 11, wherein the first leg has a snap-in recess, with
2 associated a snap-in lug disposed on the first housing part.

1 16. The socket of claim 14, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.

1 17. The socket of claim 15, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.

1 18. The socket of claim 12, wherein the second leg has a fastening
2 opening, which matches a fastening opening embodied in the housing parts.

1 19. The socket of claim 11, wherein the two legs together form an
2 essentially right angle.

1 20. The socket of claim 12, wherein the two legs together form an
2 essentially right angle.

1 21. The socket of claim 1, wherein the second leg is resiliently pre-stressed
2 against the fastening portion of the second housing part.

3 22. The socket of claim 1, wherein said electrically operated device is a
4 lamp.

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